

I wish to express my support for petition, RM-10620 to automatically upgrade Novice and Advanced license holders to the next license class in situations where the licensee has 20 or more years of operating experience. Thirty eight years in the amateur community indicates those licensees with 20+ years of experience possess more diverse knowledge than may be encompassed in or taught through the present question pool and multiple choice test. They also have far superior problem solving abilities, whether it be at the station, in a field/emergency situation or in resolving interference between services (TVI, RFI, etc.). As a Novice in the mid-sixties, older amateurs appeared to have more patience and were superior teachers, compared to less senior individuals.

Positively recognizing a licensee's longevity in the amateur ranks by awarding an upgrade may have the effect of encouraging greater activity and service to the public.

Thank you for considering my input.

Respectfully submitted,

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